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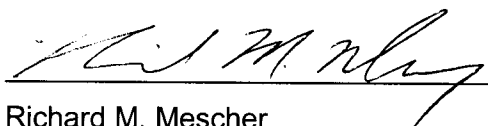
I. Introduction

The present amendment cancels no claims, amends no claims, and adds no new claims. Accordingly, claims 1 to 13 and 16 to 26 remain pending in this application.

The summary of the invention section of the specification has been amended to clarify an object of the invention. The summary of the invention section of the specification has also been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 18, 19, 20, and 21 as originally filed. The Detailed Description section of the specification has been amended to for the sake of clarity. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments do not introduce new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application. If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 50-3915.

Respectfully submitted,



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